MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): ഒരു ൦൦ സപ്ലൈമെൻ അയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ട്.

Report on the working of the General Hospital.

287. **MR. A. K. PILLAI** (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to call for a special report relating to the affairs of the General Hospital?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The need for such a special report has not been established.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): From the answer given, am I to understand that Government made a preliminary investigation in the matter and found that there was no ground to justify an enquiry?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): There was no need for any preliminary enquiry. Government make enquiries when there is a need for them.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): The answer is that "the need for such a special report has not been established." From that am I to understand that I have not in my question established the need for it?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Nor has anybody else.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Does the Chief Secretary know that the grounds for such a report had been communicated in the questions that accompanied this question but that they were disallowed?

PRESIDENT: The Member is not entitled to refer to questions that have been disallowed.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I know if the Chief Secretary is aware that there are in-patients in the General Hospital?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I further know if he is aware that the in-patients are fed at Government expense?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): May I know whether the feeding arrangement is satisfactory and whether the Government received any complaint that the food arrangements in the General Hospital are not satisfactory?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): No complaints seem to have been received.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Is it a fact that the food provisions are given to the lowest tenderers?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): That is likely.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Is it a fact or is it not a fact?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): The lowest tender is accepted provided the supply is of good quality.

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MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Is it not possible to expect that the people who offer the lowest tender are liable to supply bad food ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : That is possible, but there are officers of Government to see that bad supplies are not accepted.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Are the Government in a position to assure that it will be supplied correctly ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : It must be so, so long as there is no complaint.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Are the Government aware that the in-patients come out of the General Hospital with their vitality impaired ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Government are not aware of that.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Are the Government aware that the milk that is supplied is brought from a place 6,000 miles away, Switzerland, which is tinned milk ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Are the Government aware that tinned milk is bad ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Tinned milk is sterilised, whereas the milk we get here is not sterilised and consequently is not so good.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : Are the Government aware that the medical officer complained that the milk that is supplied is unsatisfactory ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I am not aware of it.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : May I know whether he has any idea of the sanitary arrangements obtaining in the General Hospital ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : The sanitary arrangements must be supposed to be all right unless there is a report to the contrary.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : I want to know whether he has, as a matter of fact, any information on the point ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : I have no information to the contrary.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): I am asking the question whether he has any definite idea about the actual sanitary conditions prevailing just now in the General Hospital ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : No.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*) : May I know whether the Chief Secretary is aware that the lavatory system is much inferior to the water-closet system ?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag Chief Secretary to Government*): I am not aware of it. It is a technical matter.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Are the Government aware of a good deal of hardship and misery among the in-patients about the sanitary arrangement?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Government are not aware.

MR. A. K. PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they will make an enquiry into the matter?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have no objection to make an enquiry.

Ezhava applicants for Co-operative Inspectors' Posts.

288. MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): (*a*) What is the number of applications which the Registrar of Co-operative Societies has received from Ezhava graduates for the posts of Inspectors sanctioned in the Budget for 1101?

(*b*) How many of the applicants were appointed?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Seven.
(*b*) None.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): May I know why not one of these applicants was entertained by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): There were only seven new appointments to be filled. There were three additional Inspectors entertained even before. They had to be provided. Then, there were two diploma holders in the Agricultural Department who had to be provided.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): In the Co-operative Department?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Yes, for, they had knowledge in co-operation also. Two other places were filled up by promotion, one from the clerical staff, and the other by promotion of a person who was the supervisor of a co-operative union. So, there was no vacancy to be given to these candidates.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): May I know why those persons who are qualified for the Agricultural Department are appointed in the Co-operative Department?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Ag. Secretary to Government*): Because they were trained for Co-operative work also, which is one of the items of their course of training.

Pay of Judges of the Madras High Court.

289. MR. K. MADHAVAN PILLAI (*Trivandrum cum Neduvangad*): What proportion does the pay of a Puisne Judge of the Madras High Court bear to that of the Chief Justice of that Court?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): Four to five.

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